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ICE ARRESTS 48 ILLEGAL ALIENS PERFORMING CONTRACT WORK AT SEYMOUR JOHNSON AIR FORCE BASE

GOLDSBORO, N.C.—Special Agents from U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in conjunction with The Defense Criminal Investigative Service, the Air Force Office of Special Investigation, the Social Security Office of the Inspector General, and the Johnston County Sheriff's Office arrested 48 illegal aliens in an investigation targeting unauthorized contract workers at the Seymour Johnson Air Force Base.

Parson Evergreen Corporation, a top 100 Department of Defense contractor, employed the illegal workers arrested today.

The ICE- led investigation revealed that the majority of the work force employed by Parson Evergreen Corporation and its various subcontractors had provided counterfeit identity documents in order to gain employment with Parson Evergreen Corporation, and access to the Air Force base. Parson Evergreen is not a target of this investigation at this time, according to federal officials.

“When individuals use false documents to hide their identity, the security and safety of our country is at risk,” said Tom O’Connell the ICE Resident Agent-in-Charge in Raleigh. “ICE and its law enforcement partners will continue to identify, arrest, and deport those who break our laws and hide among us.”

Those arrested by ICE today were charged with administrative violations of immigration law and will be placed in deportation proceedings. Their home countries include Mexico, Honduras, El Salvador and the Ukraine.

The United States Attorney’s Office in the Eastern District of North Carolina will prosecute this case.

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U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of five integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.